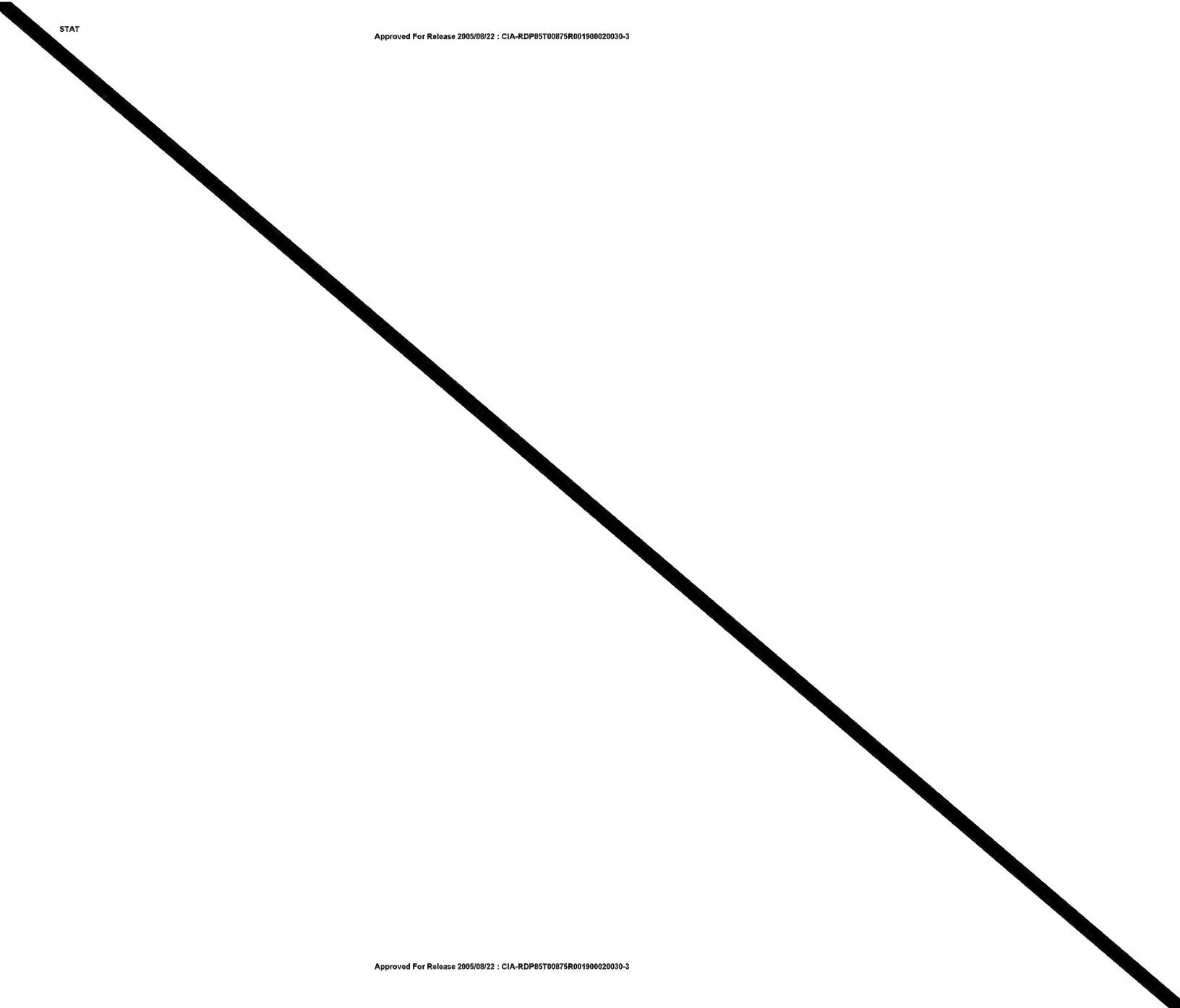


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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED] Council for International Economic Policy

SUBJECT : Manganese in the Brazilian Economy

Attached is the material on the Brazilian Manganese mining industry that you requested. If you have additional questions on the subject, please contact me [REDACTED]

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Manganese and the Brazilian Economy

Brazil's identified manganese deposits contain about 100 million metric tons of ore, less than 2% of worldwide reserves. Production reached 2.6 million tons in 1971 but evidently has declined since then. Production in 1968-71 was about 11% of total world output but the Brazilian share has fallen during the last two years.

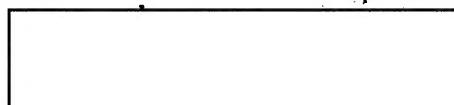
Manganese production makes only a small contribution to the Brazilian economy. It accounts for a negligible share of GNP but is of some significance to Brazil's rapidly expanding steel industry. More than half of Brazil's manganese is exported but the volume has declined since 1971 (see tabulation)

1000 metric tons					
<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
1,124	860	1,588	1,797	1,175	788

Manganese accounted for a little over 1% of export earnings in 1966-71 but fell to .7% in 1972 and evidently declined further in 1973.

Over 80% of Brazil's manganese is mined by Industria e Comercio de Mineros S.A. (ICOMI). Brazilian interests own 51% of this company but the rest is held by Bethlehem Steel.

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